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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on August 2, 2006 and January 10, 2006), Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated August 21, 2007, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-196055, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 10-504217; and
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0009173.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant notes that above-noted document (1) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of August 2, 2006, and thus, a copy of this document is not provided herewith.

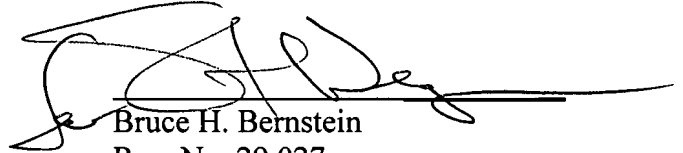
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Above-noted document (2) is listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted document (2)) was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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